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PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, did you want recognition?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I think we ought to go a little more slowly on this. Here again the federal government mandates local government to do this and that and I would just like to call your attention to the cranberry crisis in the early sixties. It just about ruined that industry. In fact I think it did ruin it at that particular time. They said that cranberries or the eating of cranberries would cause cancer, and after they did a little more investigating, they found out that it wasn't all that bad and, of course, now we have the asbestos crisis. Most of the experts say that the ceiling should be removed and this would then not be harmful to your health or at least not harmful to the people that are in this particular school room, and I just read an article the other day about painting the ceiling and, of course, this would be less costly. So I am wondering here if we are not getting the cart before the horse and so I believe I would have to oppose introduction of this particular bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, would Senator Wesely yield to a question please. Yes or no.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Wesely, I believe less than about 24 hours ago another Senator who shall go nameless stood up on this floor asking for a bill to be introduced and another Senator who shall go nameless asked him why couldn't he get his bill put together on time and introduced in the proper sequence of events and that sort of thing, and I would like to ask you if you would like to respond to the same darn question you asked yesterday.

SENATOR WESELY: It is a fair question. Of course, I wasn't giving Senator Landis as much of a hard time as another individual who shall go nameless but let me emphasize that the asbestos problem is something I worked on for four years, Senator Goodrich, and those of you who have been here for awhile know that. In 1979 I brought the issue to the body and 1980 and 1981. If we had passed legislation in 1980, we wouldn't be in the situation we are in today. The problem is one that has only recently come to the public's attention because